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RALEIGH EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

CHINA CCC MARK

The government of China has introduced a new safety license system that requires manufactures in 132 products categories to obtain the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) mark before exporting to or selling in China market. Implemented on May 1, 2002 and fully effective on May 1, 2003, this system will impact many U.S. exporters across a wide range of manufacturing sectors. If you are interested in exporting your products to China and would like to determine if your product requires a CCC mark, visit www.export.gov and search for the CCC mark under Market Research. Additional information about CCC Mark regulations can be found on the following websites: www.aqsic.gov.cn, www.cnca.gov.cn, www.cqc.com.cn, www.shciq.gov.cn.

**NASH COMM. COLLEGE, ROCKY
MOUNT,
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY CENTER,
ROOM 1211**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18
12:00 – 2:30 P.M.**

The Small Business and Technology Development Center in cooperation with the Small Business Administration will conduct a seminar on business, finance, and exports at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Topics to be covered in this informative seminar include: **International Market Research, Find Buyers, Distributors For Your Products or Services, and Financing Your Export Sales.**

Presenters at this seminar include Ms. Debbie Strader, Director, U.S. Commercial Service Raleigh Export Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Commerce, and Jim Whitley, International Business Development Counselor, N.C. Small Business & Technology Development Center, Rocky Mount. The fee for lunch and materials is only \$15. For more information, call

the SBTDC at 467-0338 or Nash Community College at 443-4011, ext. 233

U.S. EXPORT REGULATIONS SEMINAR THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Central Piedmont Community College will present a one-day seminar on U.S. Export Regulations. International trade specialists from key U.S. agencies will be present to speak and answer questions. Registration deadline is March 21. For more information, contact Mona Rabon, (704) 330-4654, mona.rabon@cpcc.edu.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE SYMPOSIUM AT CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY SATURDAY, APRIL 5

The symposium will focus on the European Union as a marketplace destination for U.S. goods and services. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the EU, best opportunities for U.S. goods and services, and U.S. government assistance. Contact Debbie Strader at the Raleigh USEAC for more information.

MARKETPLACE PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS- SEMINAR SERIES WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Mark your calendars for the next Marketplace Seminar from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on May 28. You'll have an opportunity to meet buyers, learn how to sell to the government and win a contract! More than 50 representatives from federal government, military/civilian agencies, large prime contractors will be available to meet one-on-one with small businesses. For more information visit www.sbtcd.org/marketplace or call (919) 715-7272.

*The Raleigh USEAC has recently hired two new employees. Lisa Sands and Shirreef Loza will be working on the Rural Export Initiative and export assistance.